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In re Application of: Cefali, Eugenio
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Docket Number: 50454-56103USCIP3
Group Art Unit: 1615
Examiner: James M. Spear
Title: INTERMEDIATE RELEASE NICOTINIC ACID COMPOSITIONS FOR
TREATING HYPERLIPIDEMIA WHICH EXHIBIT AN IN VIVO STAIR-
STEPPED ABSORPTION CURVE

Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated 19 March 2004. The Examiner rejected pending claims 1 through 4 for statutory double patenting of the "same invention" under 35 U.S.C. § 101.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.

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